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SUBJ: CYPRIOT NEWSMAN VISIT (NIMBUS STAR/MOON)

REF: NICOSIA (USDAO C-083-MAY 74) (NOTOAL)

1. WE RAISED QUESTION OF 10-20 NEWSMEN VISITING CTF
COMMAND SHIP CANAL AREA WITH TAHSIN BECHIR,
DIRECTOR, NEWS DEPARTMENT, MFA. IN DOING SO, WE
POINTED OUT VALUE VISIT MIGHT HAVE IN EXPLAINING
NIMBUS STAR/MOON OPERATION TO CYPTIORT POPULATION.
AT SAME TIME WE RECOGNIZED THAT EGYPTINS WOULD,
OF COURSE, WISH TO HAVE FINAL SAY ON ANY SUCH VISIT
TO THEIR COUNTRY.

2. BECHIR RESPONDED JOURNALISTS WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN
EGYPTIAN VISAS IN CYPRUS AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS WOULD
HAVE TO BE MADE TO CLEAR NEWSMEN THROUGH CUSTOMS
AND IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. HIS FIRST THOUGHT WAS
THEY SHOULD COME THROUGH CAIRO FOR THIS PURPOSE.
WE SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF DOING SO AT PORT SAID.
BECHIR SAID HE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO ADVISE FOREIGN
MINISTER FAHMY OF MATTER AND ASCERTAIN HIS VIEWS.
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CONCEIVABLY GOE MIGHT WANT TO SEND IMMIGRATION

OFFICER TO INCHON. WE TOLD BECHIR IN MEANTIME
WE WOULD BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH CTF-65 TO
COORDINATE WITH THEM AND TO ASSURE THAT NO ACTION
IS TAKEN UNTIL WE HAD APPROVAL OF APPROPRIATE
EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES.

3. IN ADDITION TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY BECHIR STEPS
WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE TAKEN WITH MINISTRY OF
INFORMATION TO WAIVE OR OBTAIN ACCREDITATION FOR
FOREIGN NEWSMEN. INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH CTF-65
PIO ALSO HIGHLIGHTED FACT HIS BUDGET ALREADY
DEPLETED AND HIS HOPE IS THAT USIS NICOSIA
COULD PROVIDE FUNDING (\$100-150), TO PROVIDE MEASL
FOR GROUP WHILE THEY ARE ON 1 AND 1/2 DAY TOUR.
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